Minister has meeting with Trade Union Leaders on 17th August, 1991, in which the new industrial policy was discussed.

Cable News Network Programmes

4908. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cable News Network Programmes are available to Indian Households and Hotels through special antenna;

(b) whether any special permission is needed to put the special antenna;

(c) whether the Government are aware that a CNN team is collecting events in India to broadcast them all over the world;

(d) whether CNN team is doing this work with the approval of the Government; and

(e) if so, the terms and conditions under which Cable News Network is doing this work in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The footprint of INTERSPUTNIK Satellite, which carries the CNN signal, covers India also and Indian viewers by used of an appropriate designed Dish Antenna can receive these programmes directly.

(b) In accordance with the Indian Telegraphic Act, 1885 and the Rules made thereunder, administered by the Ministry of Communications, a Dish Antenna System capable of receiving TV signals directly from a satellite can be established only after obtaining a licence from Department of Telecommunications (DOT). Such licences at present are given to receive programmes from Indian Satellite only.

(c) to (e). There is no restriction on gathering of news in this country.

Supply of Ammonia To Kerala

4909. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore has been supplying ammonia to Small Scale tea factories and rubber processing industries in Kerala for a long time;

(b) whether the supply of ammonia to these units in Kerala has suddenly been stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The question does not arise.

Production and Marketing of Cyclo Hexanane by F.A.C.T.

4910. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Cyclo hexanane produced by Caprolactum Plant of F.A.C.T. monthly;

(b) whether any guidelines have been framed for marketing of this material to the actual users; and

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the price fixed for the dealers and the actual users separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The following is the month-wise production of Cyclohexanone since commencement of production in August, '90:

(in metric tonnes)

August 1990	:	114
September 1990	:	219
October 1990	:	383
November 1990	:	1,095
December 1990	:	298
January 1991	:	1,814
February 1991	:	1,500
March 1991	:	1,831
April 1991	:	010
May 1991	:	NIL
June 1991	:	38
July 1991	:	2,070
August 1991	:	2,092 (upto 22nd)

(b) and (c). Cyclohexanone is an intermediate in the manufacture of Caprolactam and is intended for captive use for this purpose and not for sale to other users. Only when there is an excess stock of Cyclohexanone due to interruptions in the downstream Caprolactam Plant, some quantity of Cyclohexanone becomes available for direct sale. The marketing strategy has been adopted keeping in view these conditions, and is being reviewed from time to time.

The price fixed initially was Rs. 38,575 per tonne net of duty and taxes. This was increased to Rs. 41,325 per tonne in October, 1990. Due to increase in Benzene price, Cyclohexanone price was raised to Rs. 47,000 per tonne of 28th June, 1991 and again after the new Central Budget to Rs. 51,000 per tonne on 5th August, 1991. Due to increase in the price of Benzene, this price has again been raised to Rs. 53,500 per tonne now. The price is the same for both the actual users and dealers.

Reduction in Staff Strength of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation

4911. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to reduce the staff strength of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation; and